

Western University of Health Sciences
Computer Specifications
College of Graduate Nursing
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The following is a list of the MINIMUM computer equipment requirements necessary for the Web-based programs:

- PC System – Minimum of 2 GHz processor (CPU) or equivalent with Windows XP
- XP or Windows 7 (3.2 GHz CPU or better with Windows XP Professional is optimal)
- Minimum of 1GB RAM (2 GB Recommended)
- 15” or larger CRT or LCD Flat Panel Monitor with video display card capable of displaying at least 65,000 colors at 1024X768 resolution 10 GB or more of free hard disk space (20 GB or more recommended)
- 16X CD-ROM drive (24X or faster highly recommended; combo CD/DVD player/burner for backups also recommended)
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 7
- Microsoft Office 2007 Standard Suite or higher with Word, Excel and PowerPoint (Microsoft Works is NOT acceptable)
- Newest version of Virus Protection program with subscription that supports automatic weekly updates (such as McAfee Virus Scan or Norton AntiVirus)
- Newest version of Microsoft Outlook, Outlook Express, or Windows Mail
- Newest version of Windows Media Player plug-in
- Newest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader plug-in
- 24 bit Sound Card and speakers
- Printer
- Dedicated Internet Connection and Internet Service Provider (Minimum: DSL, wireless, or cable modem broadband, with router-based firewall protection. A 56 kbps or higher modem with dedicated telephone line can be used for online course access if absolutely necessary, but will be inadequate for most supporting study materials.)
- No Apple Computers